

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Using Context Clues

Read each passage about Dr. King and determine the meaning of the underlined word, using the context, and match to definition card.



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Martin Luther King, Jr. was born and reared in Atlanta, Georgia.

What does reared mean?



Martin Luther King, Jr. believed all Americans should be treated justly, no matter what their skin color.

What does justly mean?



Martin Luther King was very intelligent and finished high school when he was only 15 years old.

What does intelligent mean?



Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in peace, not violence.

What does violence mean?



Martin Luther King hated the discrimination against black people that was happening, especially in the south.

What does discrimination mean?



Dr. King was a writer and authored six books.

What does authored mean?



When he was 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. became a minister at a church in Alabama.

What does minister mean?



Martin Luther King, Jr. was wedded to Coretta Scott in 1953. They later had four children.

What does wedded mean?



Martin Luther King, Jr. was a leader who promoted the changing of unfair laws.

What does promoted mean?



Alabama had segregation laws, which kept white people separate from black people in places like schools and restaurants.

What does segregation mean?



On buses in Alabama, black people had to give up their seats to white passengers because of the law.

What does passengers mean?



Dr. King wanted equality for all Americans, no matter their skin color.

What does equality mean?

Dr. King led peaceful protests against laws he felt were unfair.



What does protests mean?

In 1964, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work.



What does awarded mean?

In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black woman, refused to give up her bus seat to a white man, and was arrested.



What does refused mean?

After a black woman was arrested for not giving up her bus seat to a white person, Dr. King led a bus boycott, asking blacks to not ride the bus.



What does boycott mean?

The police used force against Dr. King and his followers, so some in his group were badly hurt.



What does force mean?

In 1963, Dr. King spoke in Washington, D.C. and 250,000 people convened to hear him speak.



What does convened mean?

In 1968, Dr. King was assassinated by a James Earl Ray. Many people were sad to hear the news of his death.



What does assassinated mean?

In 1983, Congress designated the third Monday in January as a holiday to honor Dr. King.



What does designated mean?

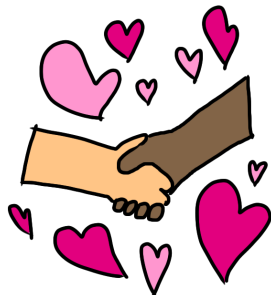
**raised
(grew up)**



**fair,
the same**



smart



**to fight,
use power**



unfairness



wrote



**preacher,
reverend**



married



**supported,
helped**



**separation,
keep apart**



riders



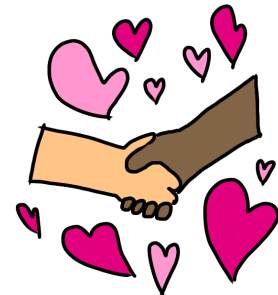
**fair,
the same**



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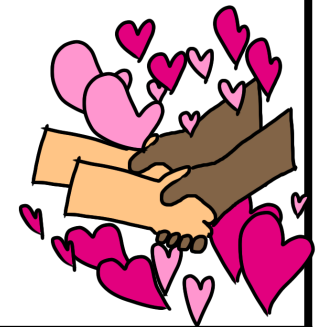
**given,
won**



would not



**stay away
from,
don't use**



power



**came
together**



killed



**chose,
picked**

